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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *North Dakota Partnerships; Concurrence With Redefinition of Service
Area Requirements (CC Docket No. 96-45)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is in regard to the above-referenced Petition seeking the Commission's agreement, under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(5), with the North Dakota Public Service Commission's ("NDPSC") decision to redefine the service area requirement in connection with its decision to grant Petitioners¹ eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETC") status throughout their respective North Dakota licensed service areas.²

Petitioner North Dakota RSA No. 3 of North Dakota Limited Partnership hereby withdraws its request for Commission concurrence with the redefinition of the service area requirement of certain rural telephone companies as it pertains to eight (8) specific wire centers which are partly contained within the North Dakota RSA No. 3 licensed area: West Oslo, Dahleen, Galesburg, Page, Tower City, Nome, Enderlin, and Sheldon. These wire centers lie partially within the Fargo and Grand Forks cellular license areas and thus the unserved portions of the wire centers cannot be served by other co-applicants to this Petition. The Petitioners maintain their request in all other respects.

¹ Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership; North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership; North Dakota RSA No. 3 of North Dakota Limited Partnership; Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership; North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership; and Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership.

² See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition to Redefine Certain Rural Telephone Company Service Areas in the State of North Dakota*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, 19 FCC Rcd 10742 (2004).

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Sincerely,

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